

# Applications for Maritime Situational Awareness

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A large satellite image of the Earth's surface occupies the right half of the slide. It shows a curved horizon with a deep blue ocean, white clouds, and green landmasses. The text "Knowledge for Tomorrow" is overlaid on the lower right portion of this image.

Knowledge for Tomorrow

# Presentation Outline

## Introduction

- Earth Observation Center
- Ground Station Neustrelitz

## Project Support

- Real Time Service for Maritime Security (**E**chtzeitdienste für die **M**aritime Sicherheit – **S**ecurity; EMSec)
- Optical Satellite Services for EMSA
- ANTARCTIC CIRCUMNAVIGATION EXPEDITION (ACE) - Swiss Polar Institute



# German Aerospace Center, DLR

DLR.de Chart3

Germany's national research center for aeronautics, space, energy, transport & security.

Space Agency

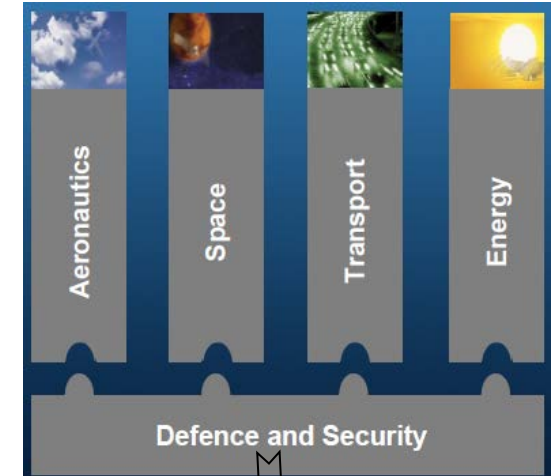
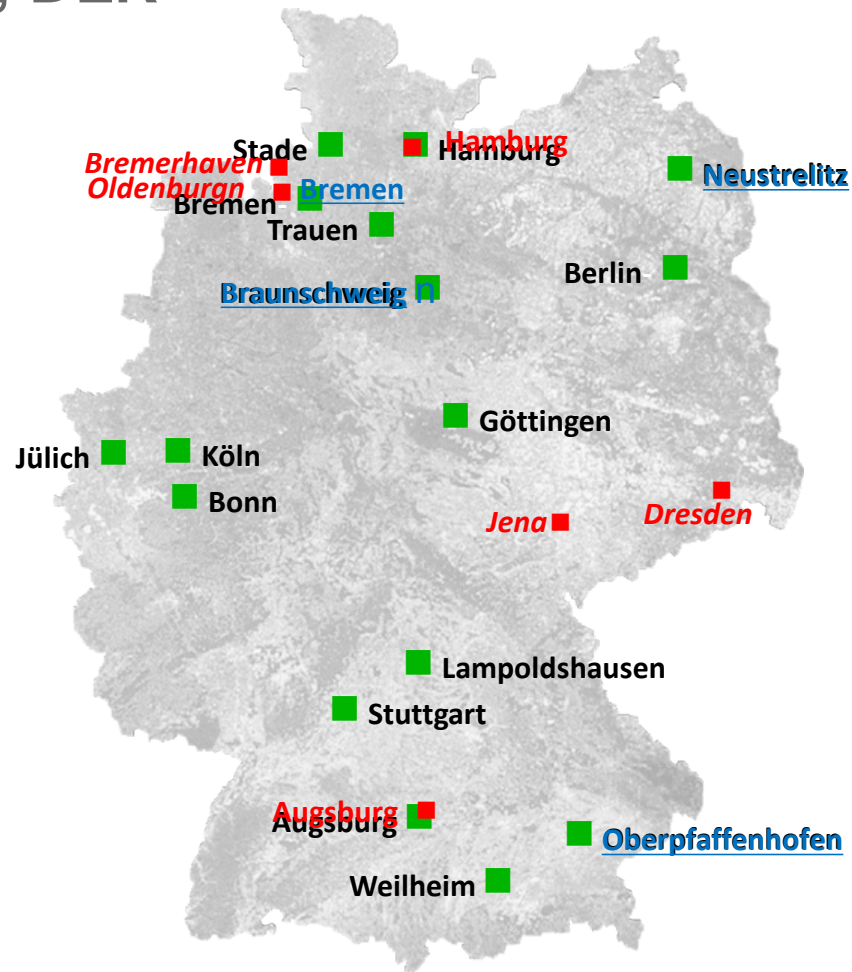
Project Management Agency

~ 8.000 Employees

39 Research Institutes and large test facilities at 20 Sites across Germany

3 Field stations in O'Higgins (AQ), Inuvik (CA) & Almería (ES)

outposts in Brussels, Paris, Washington DC, Tokyo



Maritime Safety and Security

**Maritime Security\_Lab's**

- Bremen
- Neustrelitz
- Braunschweig
- Oberpfaffenhofen





# Earth Observation Center – EOC

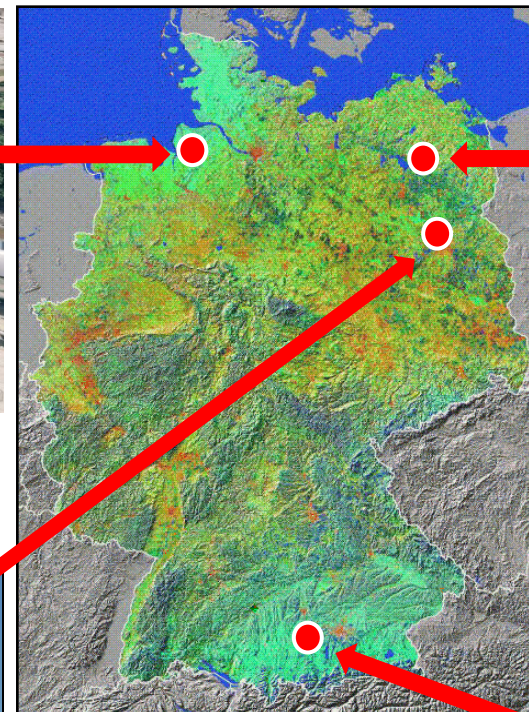
2 Institutes

German Remote Sensing  
Data Center  
(DFD)

Remote Sensing  
Technology Institute  
(IMF)



**Bremen**  
**Maritime Security Lab**



**Neustrelitz**  
**National Ground Segment**  
**Maritime Security Lab**



**Berlin**

- Appr. 350 empl. at 4 sites
- Chairs at 2 universities



**Oberpfaffenhofen**

# Neustrelitz Ground Station

- Ground Station and Processing Facility Neustrelitz support of currently 21 different Satellite missions
- Main reception and processing facility for SAR Mission TerraSAR-X (TerraSAR-X/ TanDEM-X)
- Collaborative Station for European Copernicus mission Sentinel-1 (Sentinel-1A/ Sentinel-1B)
- Radarsat-2 Regional Ground System
- Landsat-8 Global Network Station, United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- CartoSAT, ResourceSat, Oceansat supporting Gesellschaft für Angewandte Fernerkundung (GAFAG)
- Kompsat 3, 3A, 5 supporting Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI)

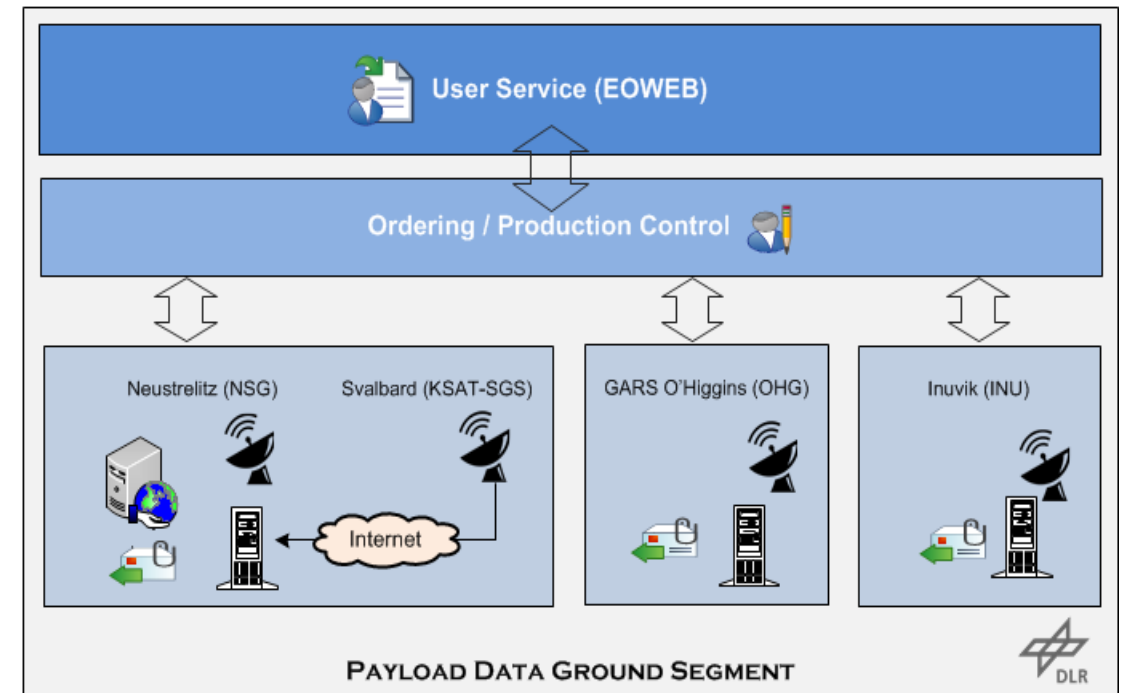




# TerraSAR-X NRT System Capabilities



- Morning and evening timeline upload for a 12 h desirable / 12 h critical timeline with order deadline a few hours before
  - for data take at end of timeline: allow about 17 hours for tasking
  - based on satellite TSX **or** TDX acquisition
- **Product latency after downlink: about 10 – 15 minutes**
- No orbit information available in X-band downlink
  - usage of predicted orbit information only
- NRT ground station pool (Neustrelitz, Svalbard)
  - online raw data transfer to Neustrelitz
- Mission planning uses next possible pool contact for NRT downlink



DLR TerraSAR-X Payload Data Ground Segment



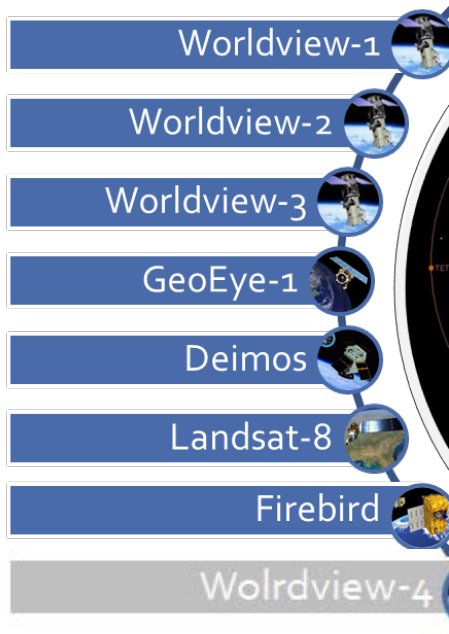
# Application for Maritime Domain Awareness

## Application ➤

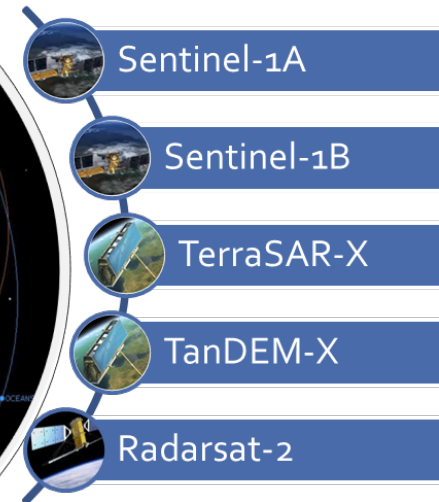
Oil  
Ship detection  
Ship classification  
Wind detection  
Wave State  
Ice Classification  
Ice drift



## Optical



## Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)



## Automatic Identification System

Terrestrial AIS



Satellite AIS

# EMSec (Echtzeitdienste für die Maritime Sicherheit – Security; Real Time Service for Maritime Security)



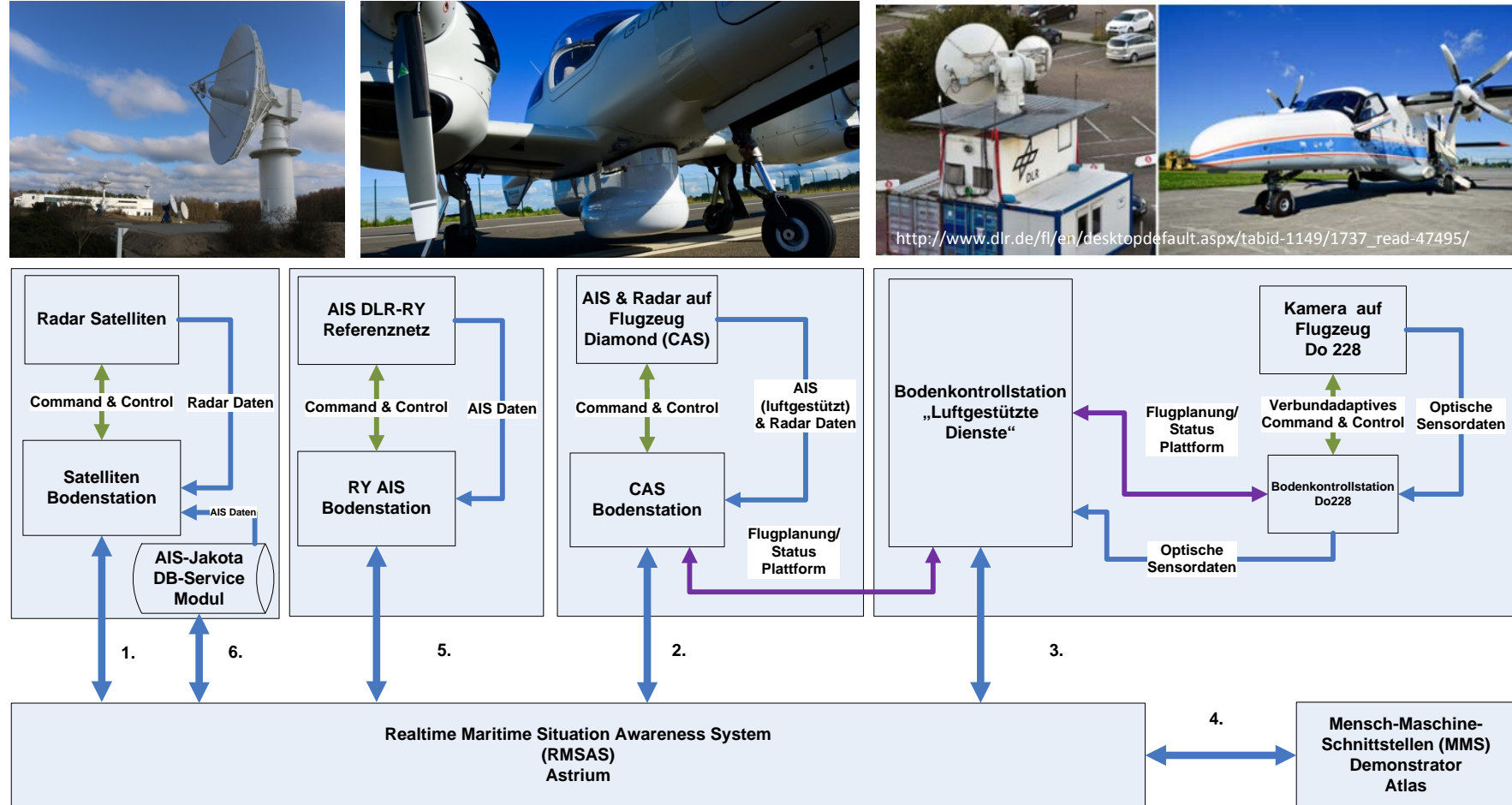
## Objectiv

### Situational Awareness

- improve revisit time and near real time capabilities
- deliver SAR/ Optic derived target detection information
- deliver SAR derived wind and wave information
- improve data fusion methods and anomaly detection
- improve detection quality of hazardous materials and classification
- development of HMI interfaces

### Navigation

- improve secure navigation
- protection of navigation systems (spoofing, jamming)



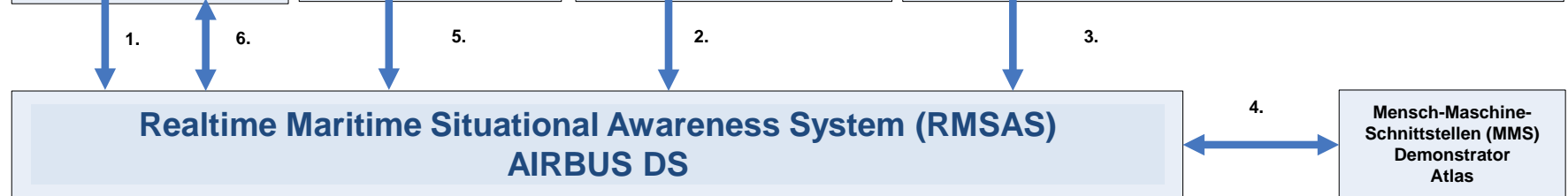
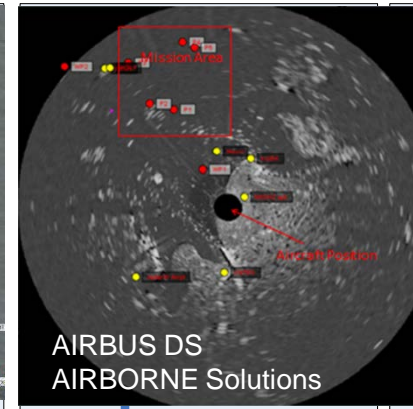


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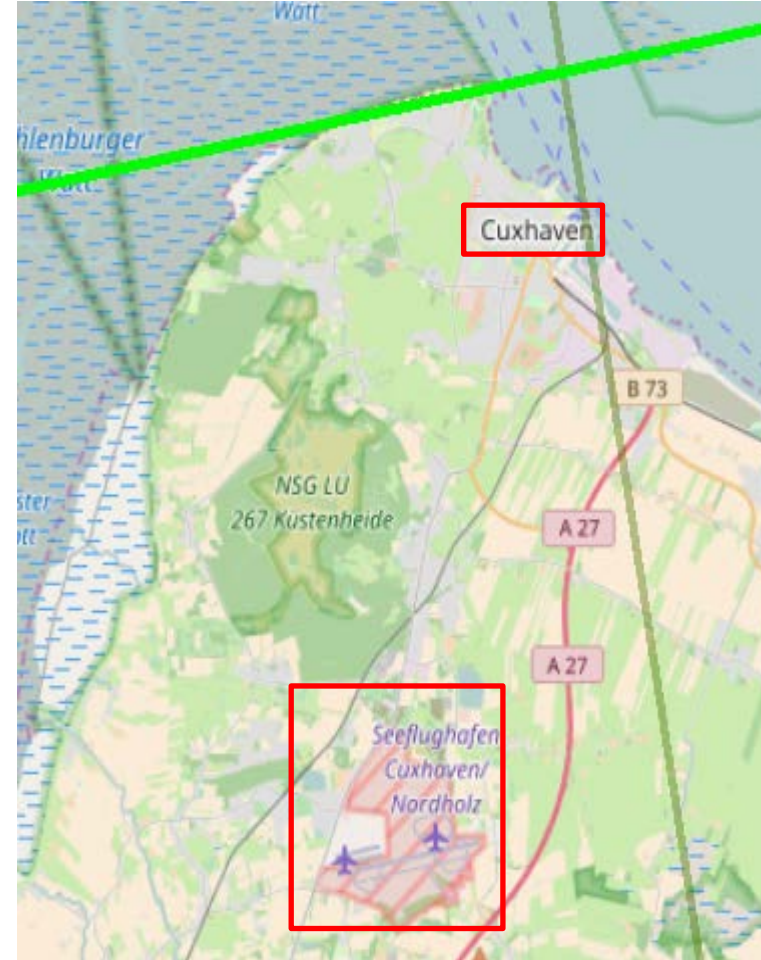
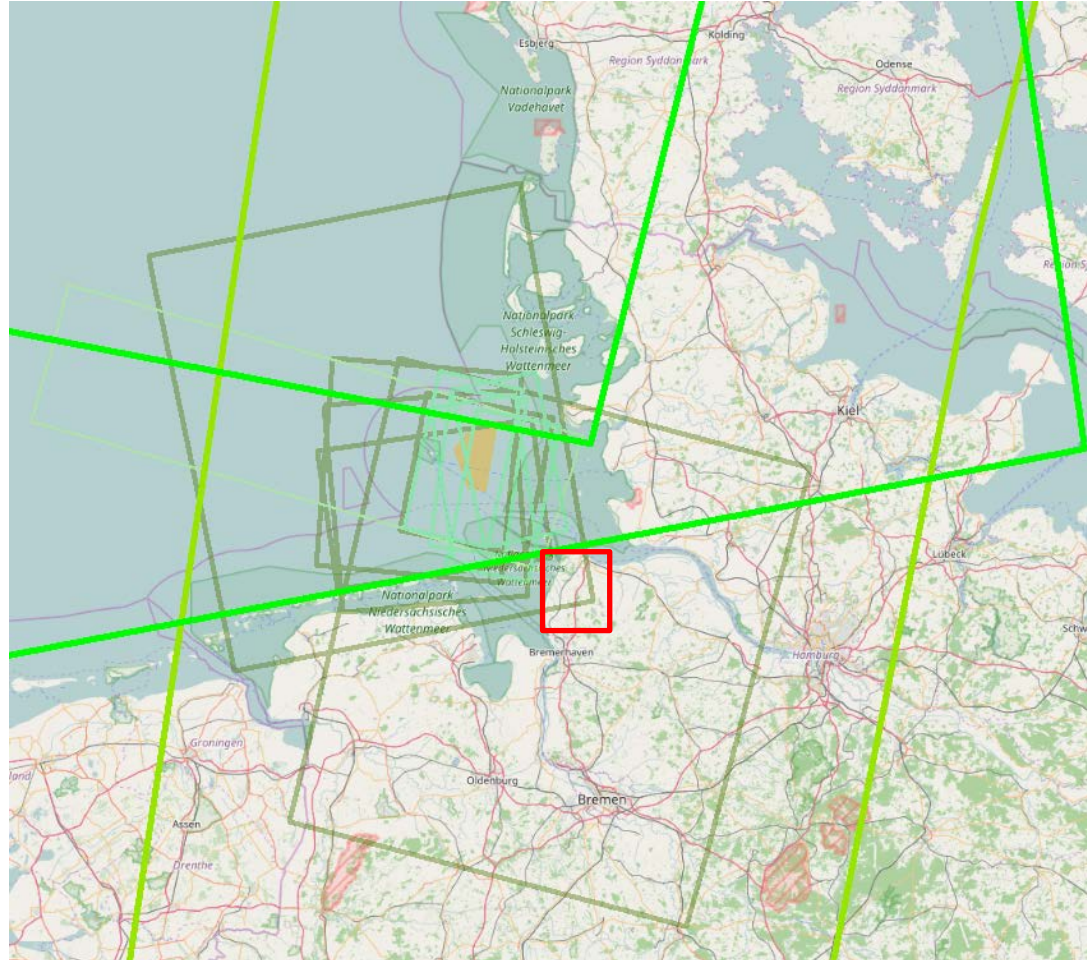
## Test Scenarios

- vessel monitoring and detection of anomaly behavior, simulation of hijacked ferry
- detection of people who have gone overboard based on AIS-Search And Rescue Transmitter (SART)
- observing pollution of hazardous substances
- jamming and spoofing – suppression of interference and decoy signals at sea





# EMSec (Echtzeitdienste für die Maritime Sicherheit – Security; Real Time Service for Maritime Security) Demonstration second week of September 2016





# EMSec (Echtzeitdienste für die Maritime Sicherheit – Security; Real Time Service for Maritime Security)



Mission

Monitoring

Assessment

Support

Response



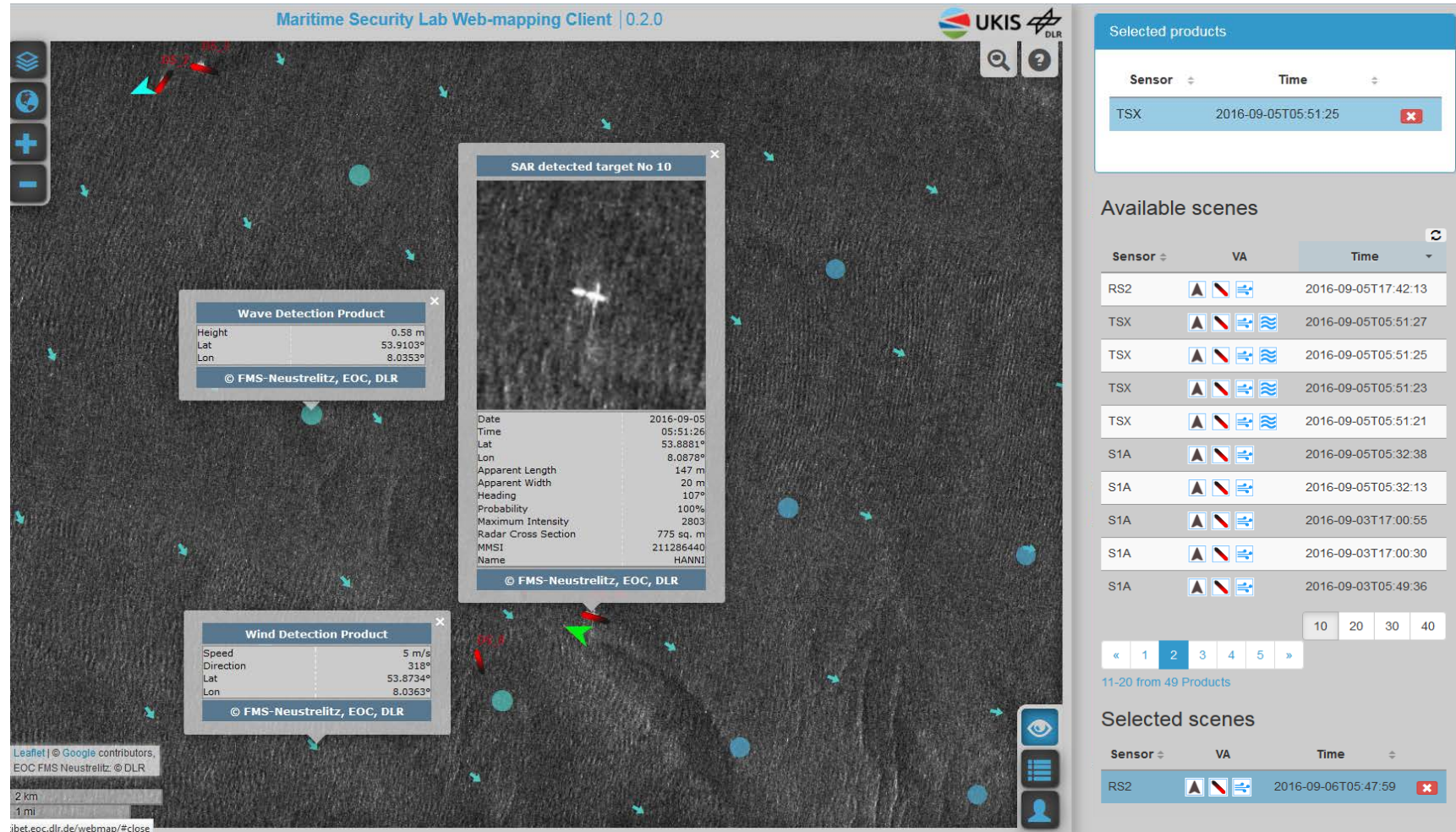
HMI interface (ATLAS ELEKTRONIK)



# EMSec (Echtzeitdienste für die Maritime Sicherheit – Security; Real Time Service for Maritime Security)

Main Requirements EO-Data project:

- Share of hardware resources to support multiple mission and archive near real time performance.
- Extension of processing framework in the way that additional processing rules can called and executed in parallel if requested (TerraSAR-X, Sentinel-1, Radarsat-2)
- Support both, single and parallel value add processing of ship-, wind-, and wave detection
  - Support product slicing and parallel scene processing
- Support scene based AIS (Automated Identification System) data fusion in real time via Web-Interface connected to the AIS provider



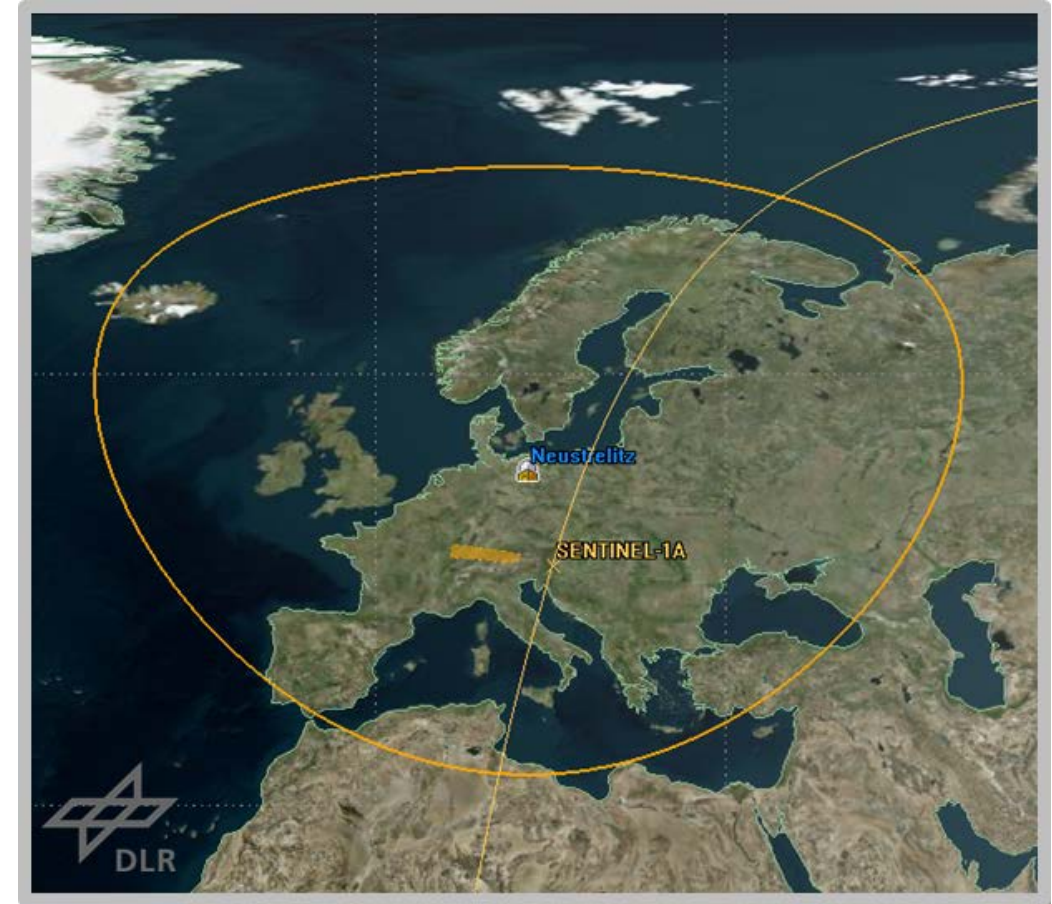
TerraSAR-X Level 1 quicklook product in the background is overlaid by the DLR SAR SAR-AIS Vessel layer, wind and wave product derived from the TerraSAR-X image.

# Sentinel-1 Capabilities

NRT reception and processing for Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B data, available in direct downlink mode

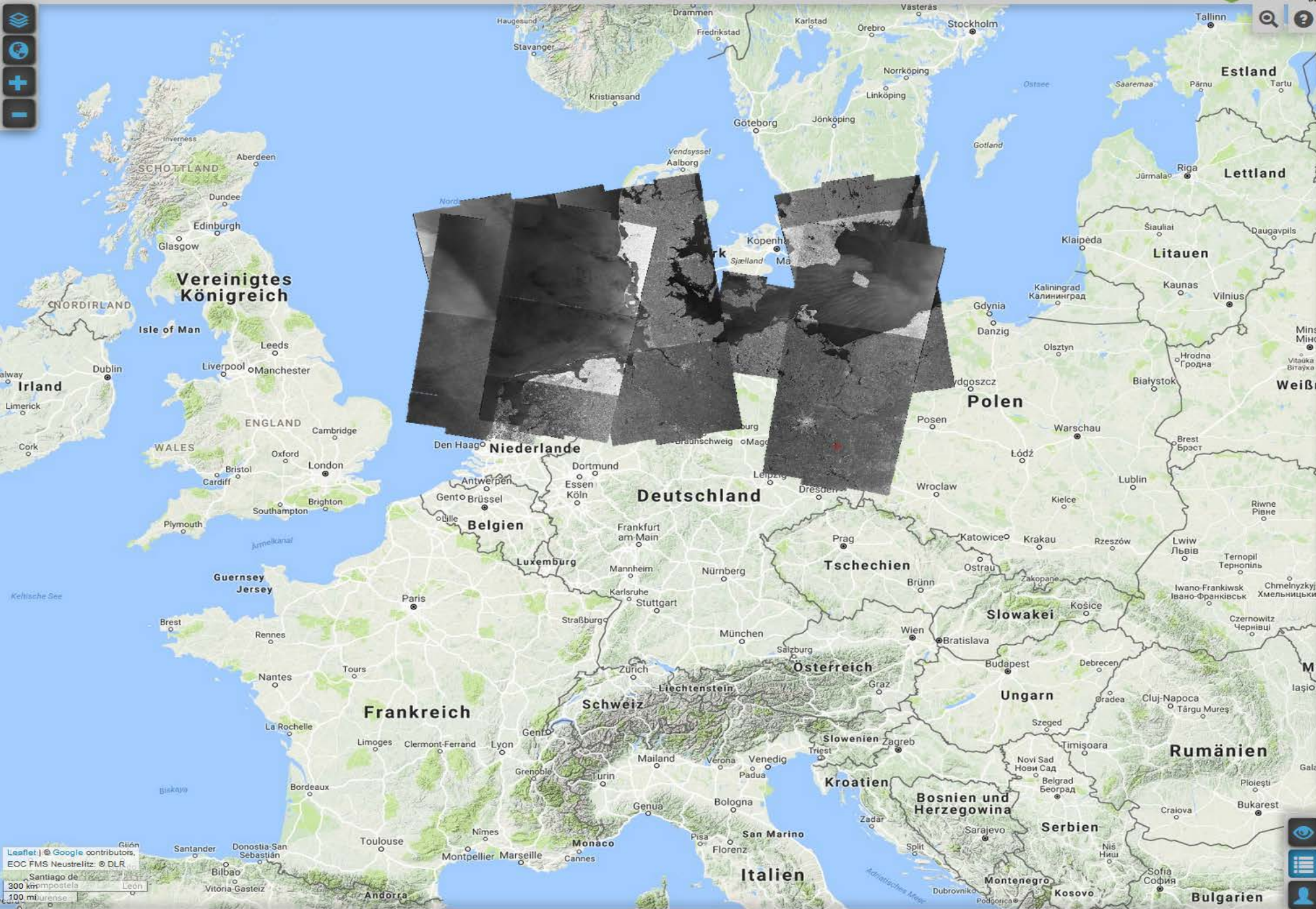
## Processing Chain

- VM Cluster
- Processing System Management (PSM)
- Original ESA PDGS Instrument Processing Facility (IPF) used for Level 1 processing
- DLR Level 2 processing
  - Ship Detection
  - Wind
  - Wave
  - Oil (development ongoing)
- **Product latency from acquisition: about 15 – 20 minutes**



Ground Station Neustrelitz, elevation mask for Sentinel-1, 5 degree elevation





## Available scenes

Sensor	Type	VA	Time
S1B	IW,GRDH		2017-03-20T05:48:38
S1B	IW,GRDH		2017-03-20T05:48:10
S1B	IW,GRDH		2017-03-20T04:13:40
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T17:09:25
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T17:09:00
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T17:08:31
S1B	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T16:15:11
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T05:58:04
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T05:57:39
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T05:57:10
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-19T04:22:33
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-18T05:16:57
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-18T05:16:32
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-18T05:16:04
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-17T17:25:59
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-17T17:25:34
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-17T17:25:04
S1A	IW,GRDH		2017-03-17T06:14:43
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10 20 30 40

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121-140 from 426 Products

Selected scenes

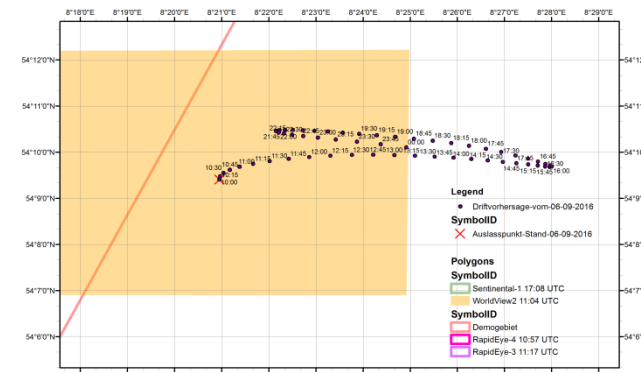
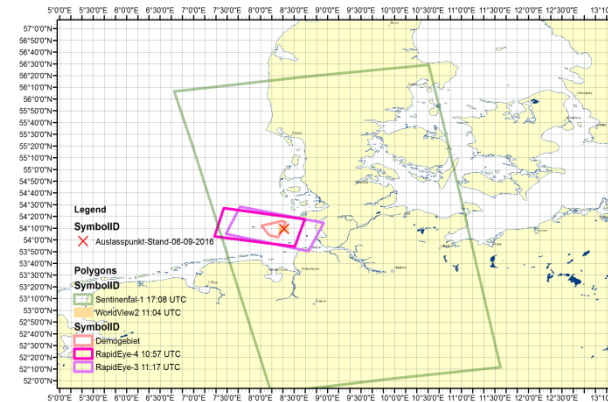


# Example: Project EMSec, Sep. 2016 Optical Sensor based Hazard Detection



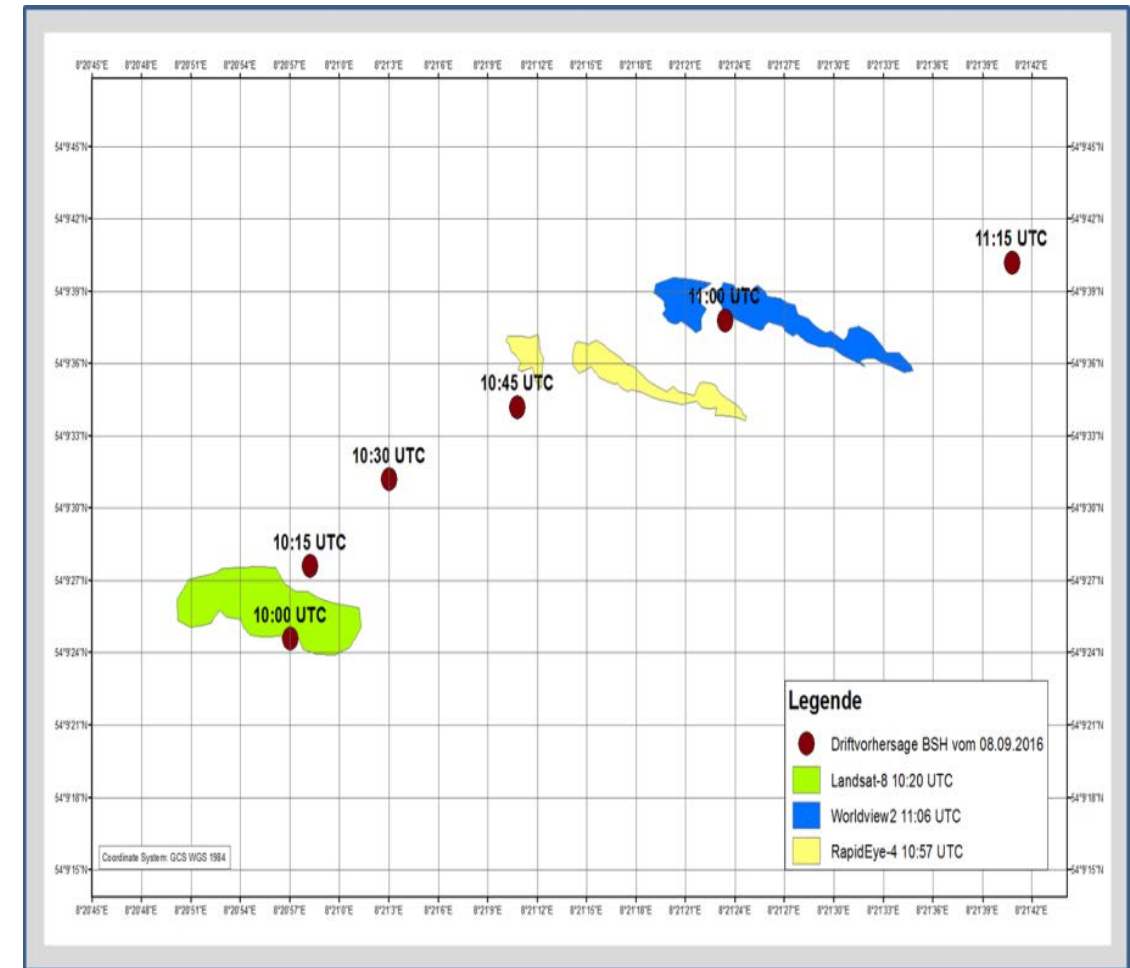
## Demonstration Event for the EMSec Project Cuxhaven (North Sea), 8th of September 2016

- Real-Time data exchange
- Data fusion capabilities
- Detection of liquid hazardous materials
- Tracking of detected materials
- Validation of drift models provided by BSH (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency)



[http://www.dlr.de/dlr/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-10081/151\\_read-19273/](http://www.dlr.de/dlr/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-10081/151_read-19273/)

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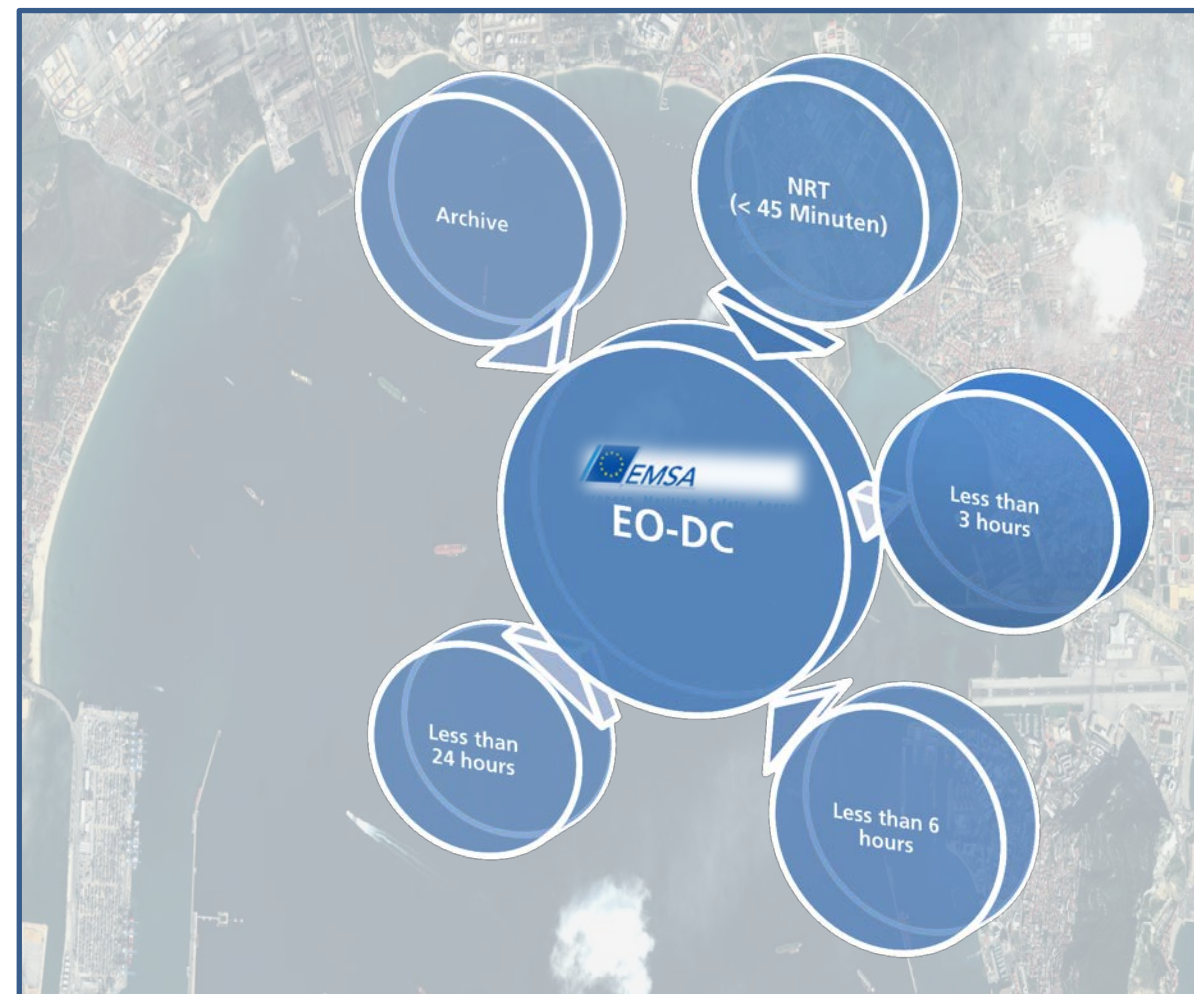
# Optical Satellite Services for the European Maritime Safety Agency EMSA

(OpSSERVE) [partner: EUSI \(contractor\) and DLR \(subcontractor\)](#)

Project summary: **rapid access to satellite data and derived information** for use in maritime situational awareness based on WorldView - (1, 2, 3, and 4), GeoEYE-1, Deimos-2, Landsat-8

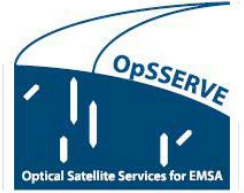
Direct delivery of information to EMSA Earth Observation Data Centre (EO-DC)

- Derive Value Adding Information
  - Vessel detection**
  - Vessel activity detection**
  - Change detection**





# Optical Satellite Services for EMSA OpSSERVE



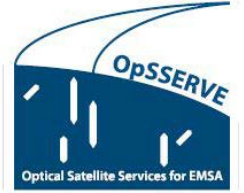
Service tasks  
of European  
Space  
Imaging  
EUSI

## Project and contractual management

- Handling and management of all EMSA service requests
  - Feasibility analysis for acquisitions of  
WorldView - (1 & 2 & 3, 4) and GeoEYE-1, Deimos-2
- Data acquisition planning
- Near-real time reception, cloud screening
- Quality assurance
- Routine native Level 1 (L1) processing for  
WorldView - (1 & 2 & 3)
- L1 data delivery



# Optical Satellite Services for EMSA OpSSERVE



Service tasks  
of DLR  
Maritime  
Security Lab  
Neustrelitz

## Image Processing

- Pre-processing, L0, L1b (Landsat-8 only)
- Scene Slicing, Image mosaicking
- Orthorectification (@DLR SRTM DEM, 25 m resolution)
- Image projection

## Value adding and analysis

- Ship detection
- Activity detection
- Change detection

Product generation and secure transmission to EMSA (EO-DC)

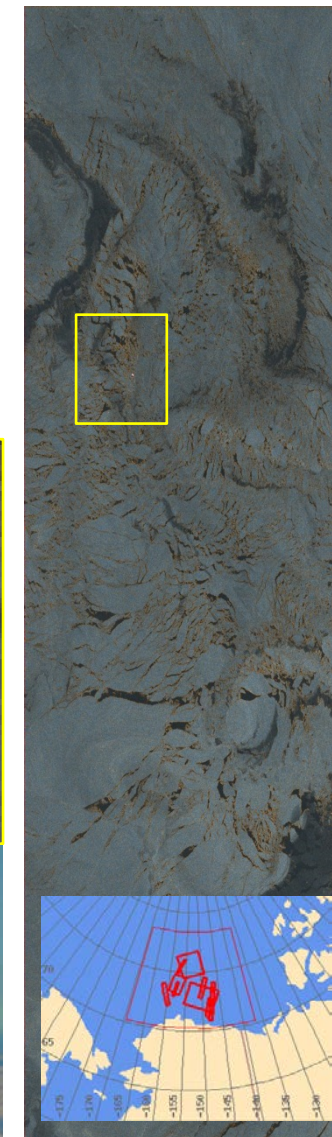
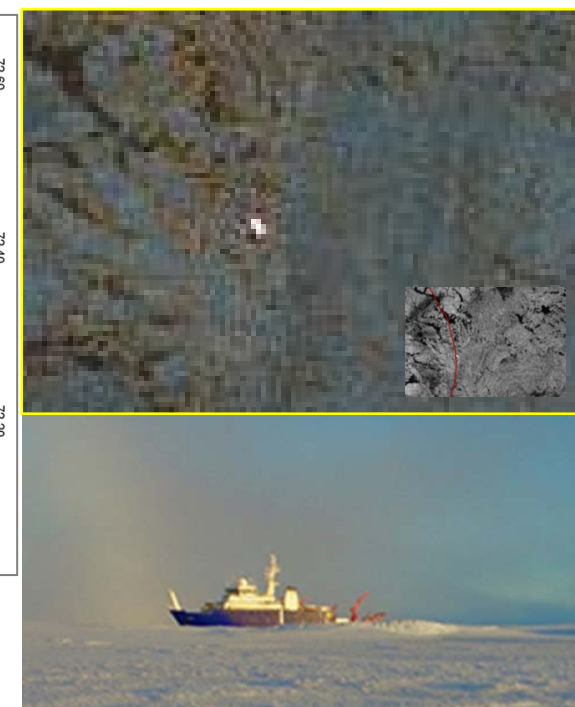
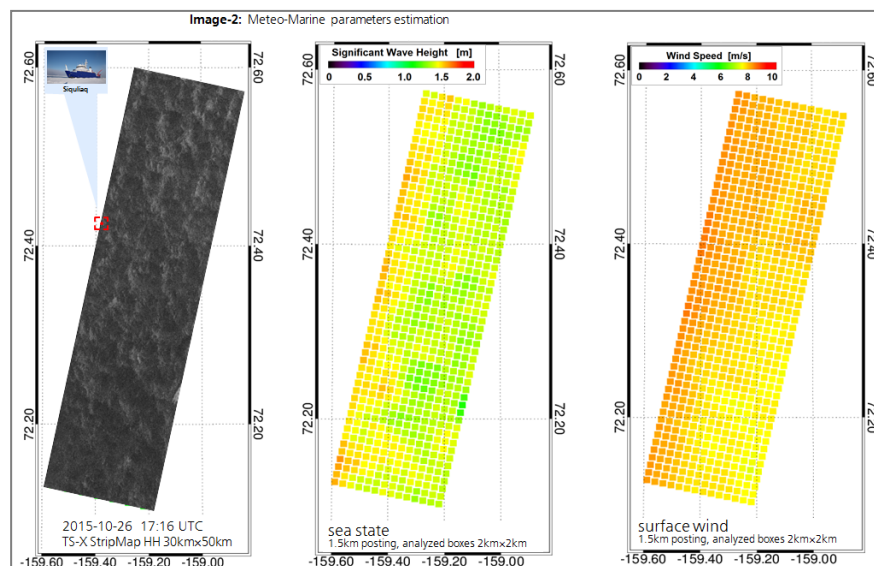
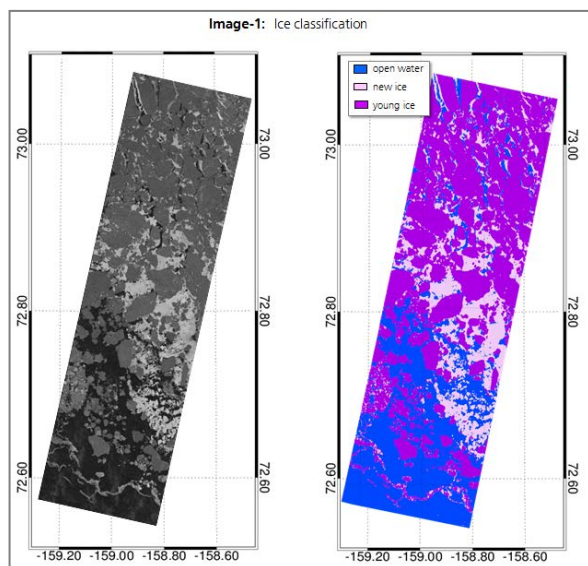
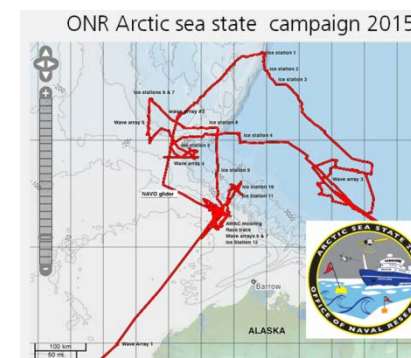


# NRT Support for Office of Naval Research (ONR) Arctic Sea State Campaign

Research Vessel Sikuliaq; Beaufort Sea

[http://www.apl.washington.edu/project/project.php?id=arctic\\_sea\\_state](http://www.apl.washington.edu/project/project.php?id=arctic_sea_state)

The cruise goal was to observe the fall ice advance and the interactions with wind and waves



TerraSAR-X Data Sea Ice Classification and Wind and Wave Field Measurements

25 acquisitions (SM, SC, SC wide)



# Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE)

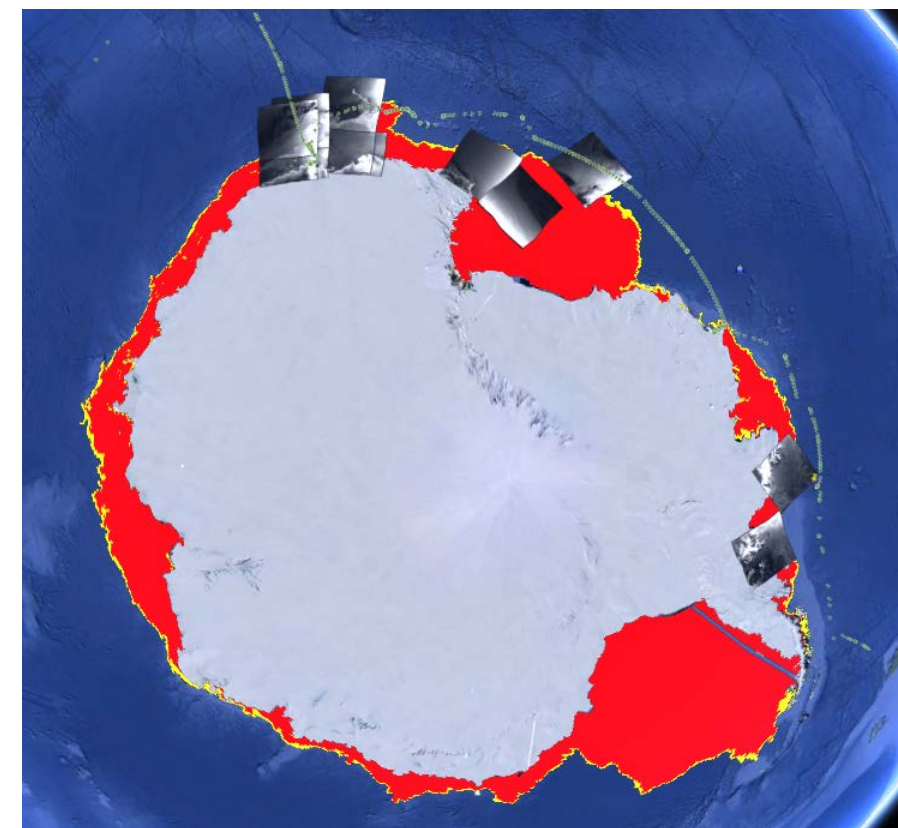
<http://spi-ace-expedition.ch/science-has-no-borders/>

**First project of the Swiss Polar Institute**, a newly created entity founded by EPFL, the Swiss Institute of Forest, Snow and Landscape research WSL, ETHZ, the University of Bern and Editions Paulsen. It aims to enhance international relations and collaboration between countries, as well as to spark the interest of a new generation of young scientists and explorers in polar research.

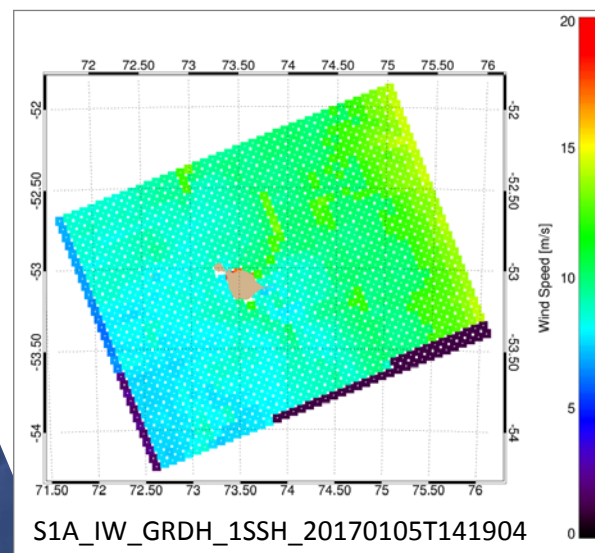
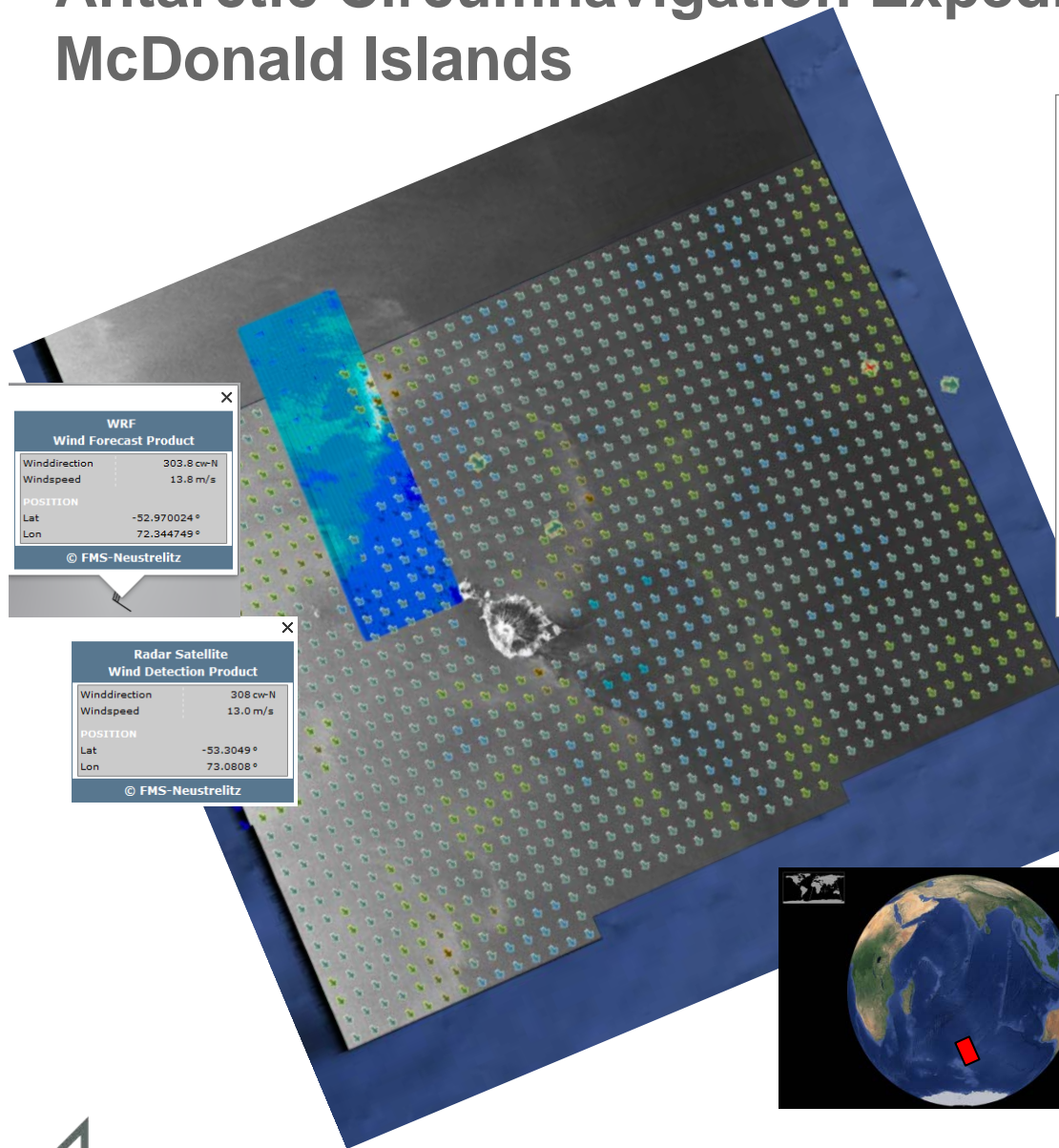
**From December 2016 to March 2017**, scientific teams from all over the world will board the Russian research vessel Akademik Treshnikov for an unprecedented expedition around Antarctica. From **biology** to **climatology** to **oceanography**, researchers will work on a number of interrelated fields for the future of this continent.

**A better understanding of Antarctica is critical**, not just for its preservation, but for the whole planet. The poles are affected by climate change more than any other region on Earth. Moreover, they play a central role in providing oceans with strong underwater streams that regulate the world's climate from the poles to the equator.

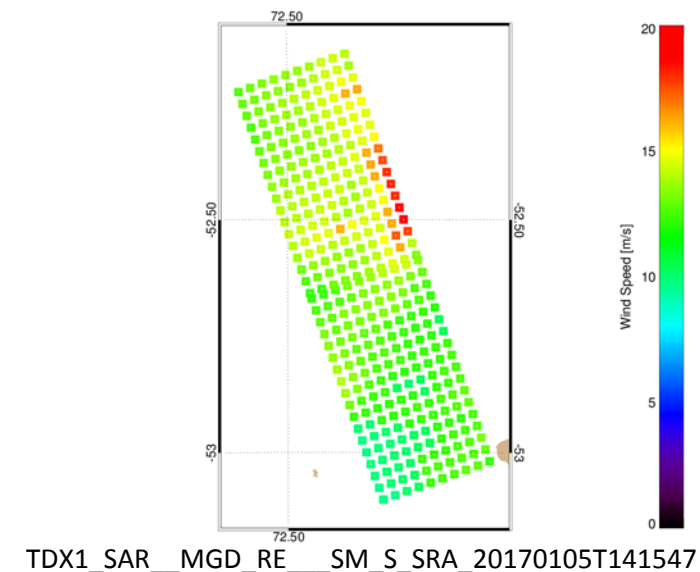
ACE\_FINAL\_Brochure



# Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE) – WIND McDonald Islands



Jacobsen et.al., Maritime  
Security Lab Bremen



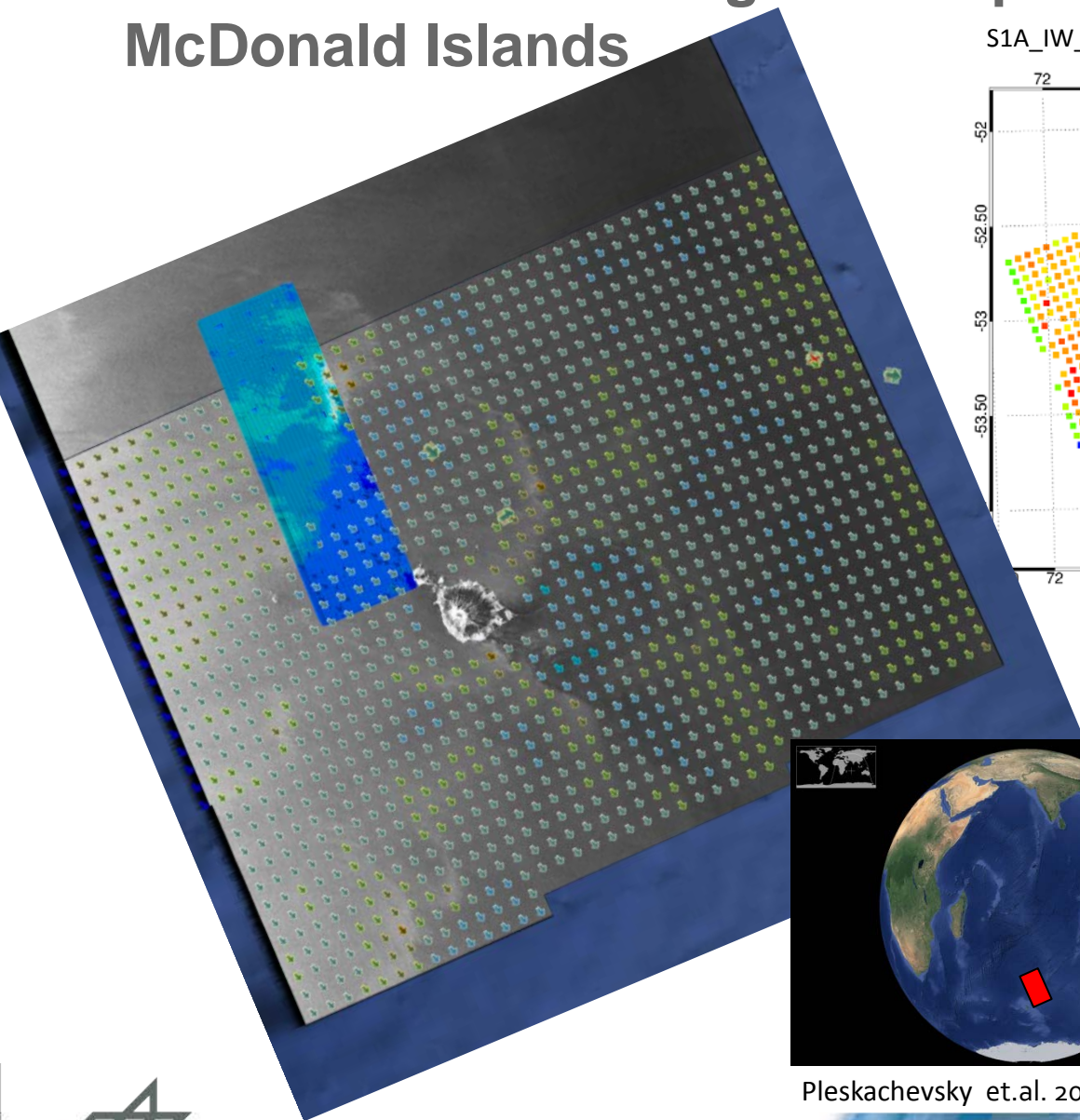
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 Data | Wind @ Surface  
 Scale |   
 Source | GFS / NCEP / US National Weather Service  
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 Mode | Air - Ocean - Chem - Particulates  
 Height | Sfc - 1000 - 850 - 700 - 500 - 250 - 70 - 10 hPa  
 Overlay | Wind - Temp - RH - WPD - 3HPA - CAPE  
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 Projection | A - AE - CE - E - O - P - S - WB - W3



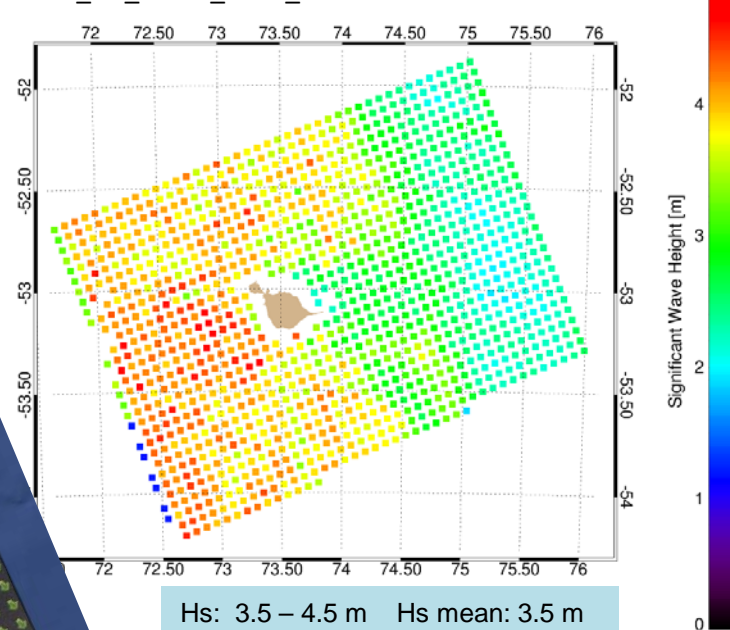
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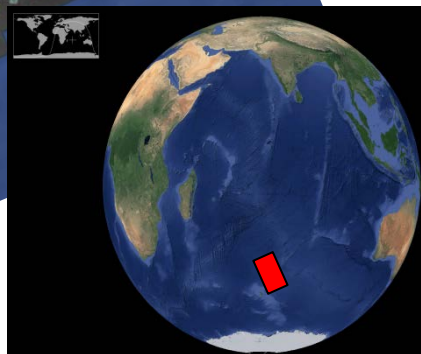
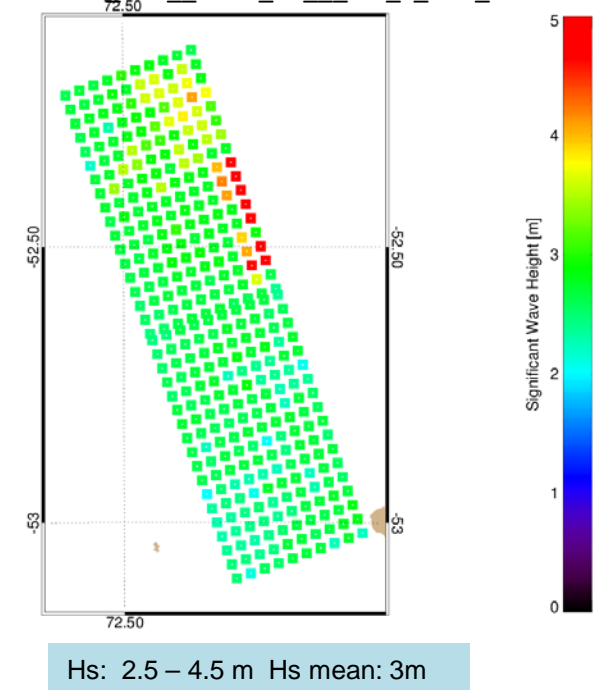
# Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE) – WAVE McDonald Islands




S1A\_IW\_GRDH\_1SSH\_20170105T141904



TDX1\_SAR\_MGD\_RE\_SM\_S\_SRA\_20170105T141547



Date | 2017-01-05 13:00 Local  $\approx$  UTC  
 Data | Peak Wave Period + Significant Wave Height  
 Scale |   
 Source | WAVEWATCH III / NCEP / NWS  
 Control | Now « - < - > - » ⊕ Grid ▷ HD  
 Mode | Air – Ocean – Chem – Particulates  
 Animate | Currents – Waves  
 Overlay | Currents – Waves  
           | SST – SSTA – HTSGW – None  
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Pleskachevsky et.al. 2017, Maritime Security Lab Bremen

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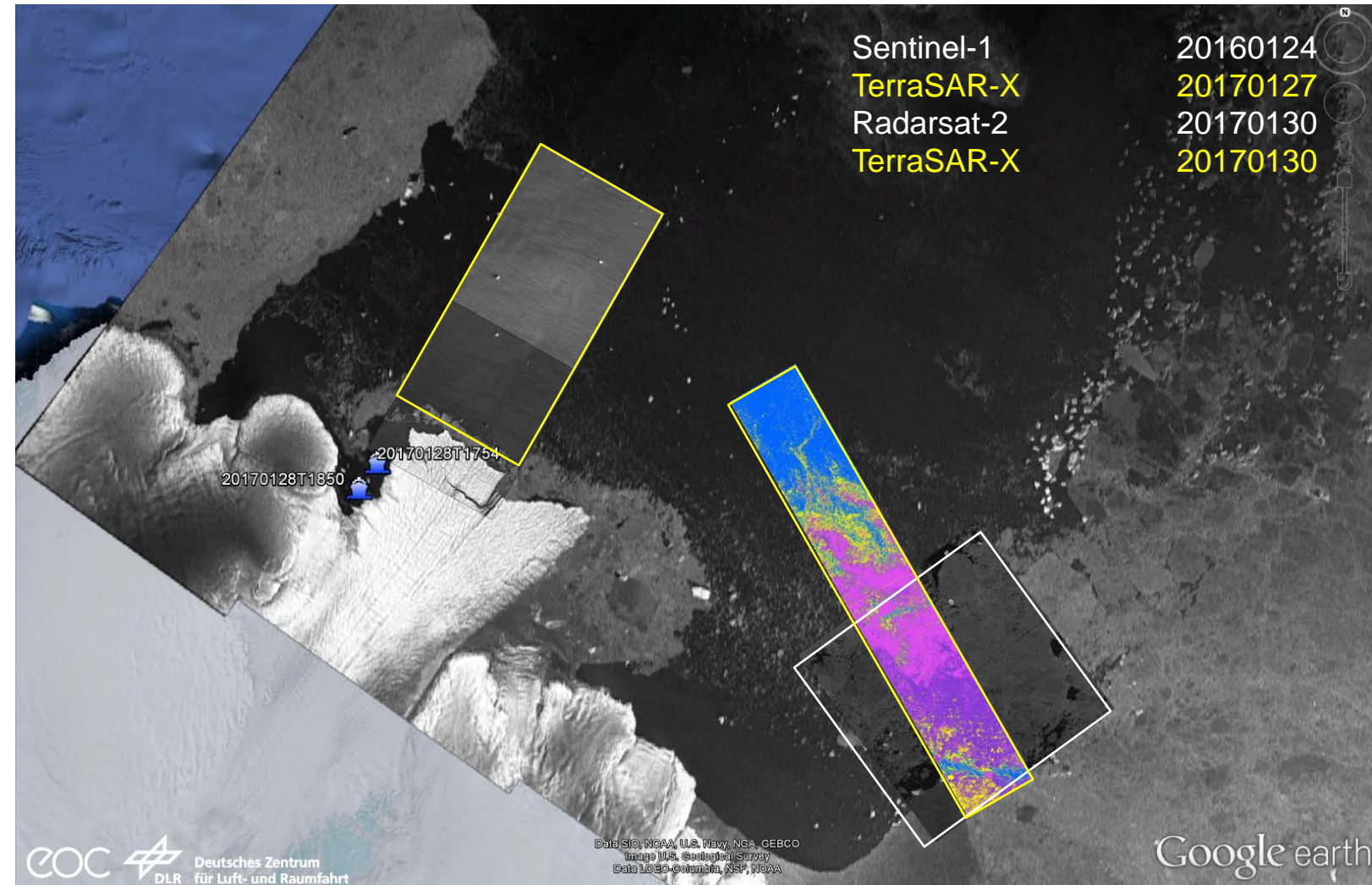
Research Vessel Akademik Treshnikov

DLR support comprises

TerraSAR-X and Sentinel-1

- Georeferenced quicklooks delivered for usage at ship
- Validation of wind and wave charts derived from TerraSAR and Sentinel-1
- delivery of ice charts derived from TerraSAR-X dualpol,

Singha et.al. 2017, Maritime Security Lab Bremen





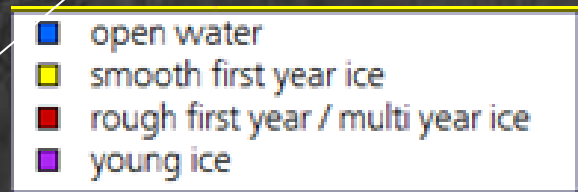
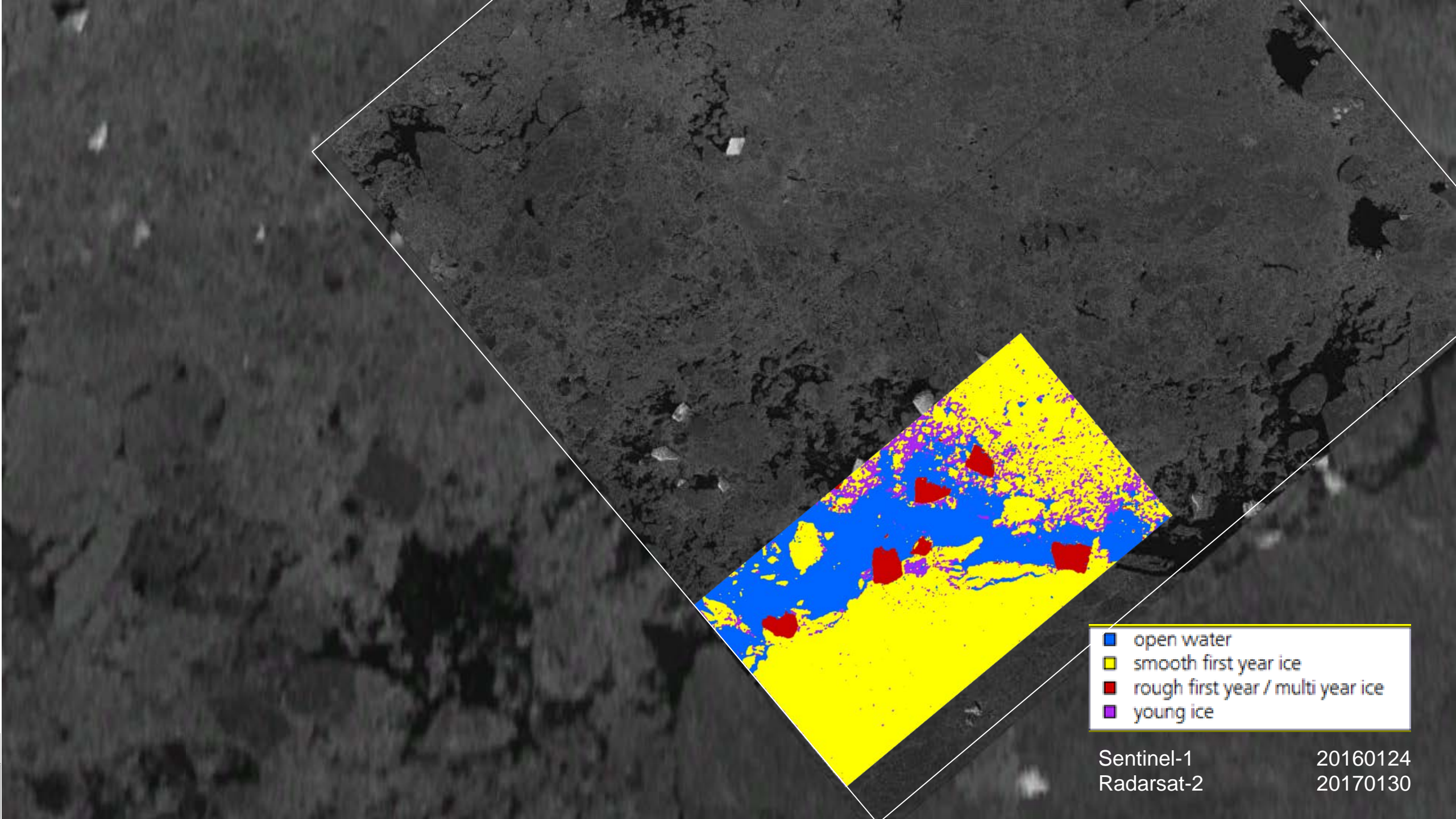




Sentinel-1  
Radarsat-2

20160124  
20170130





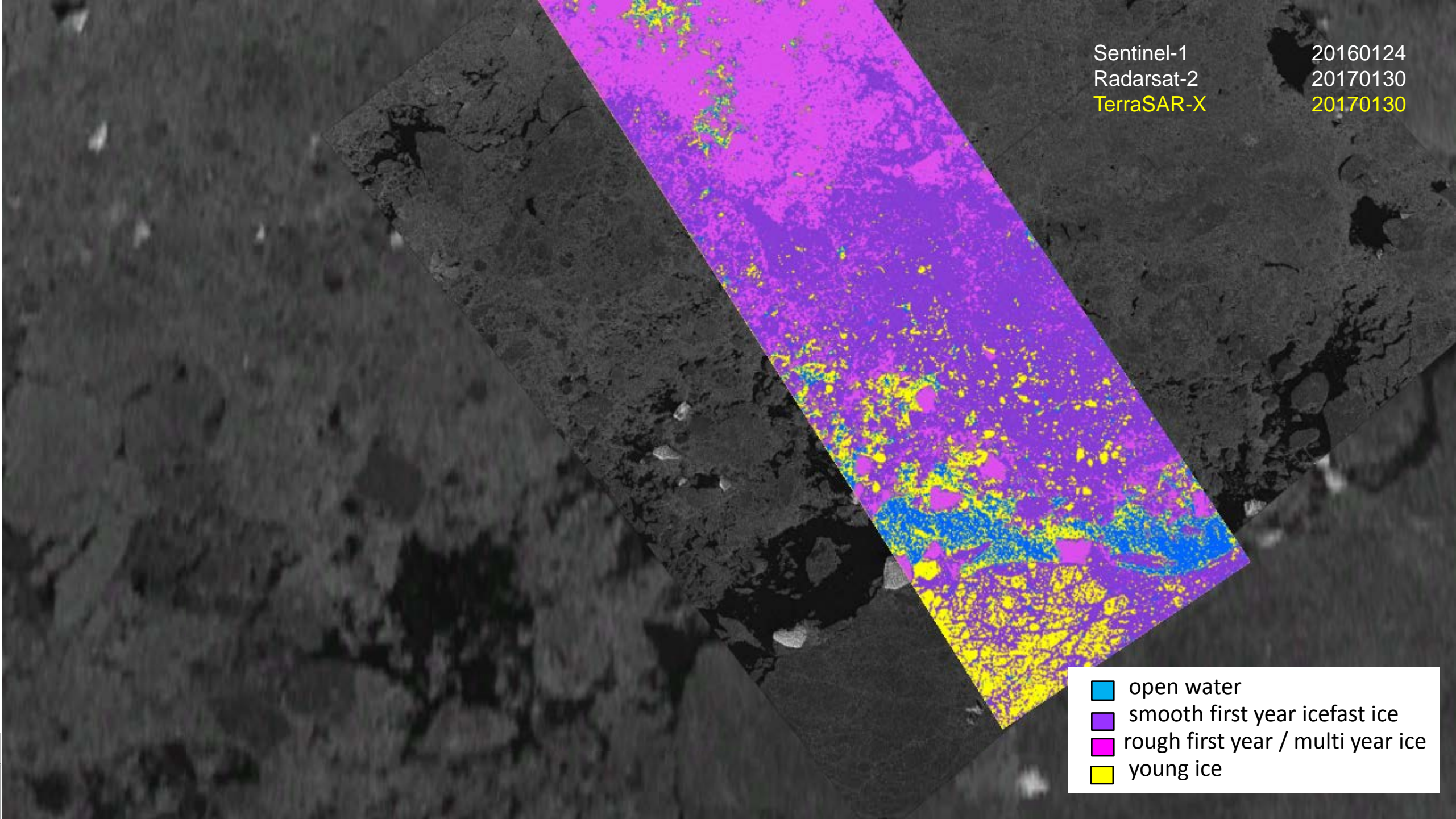
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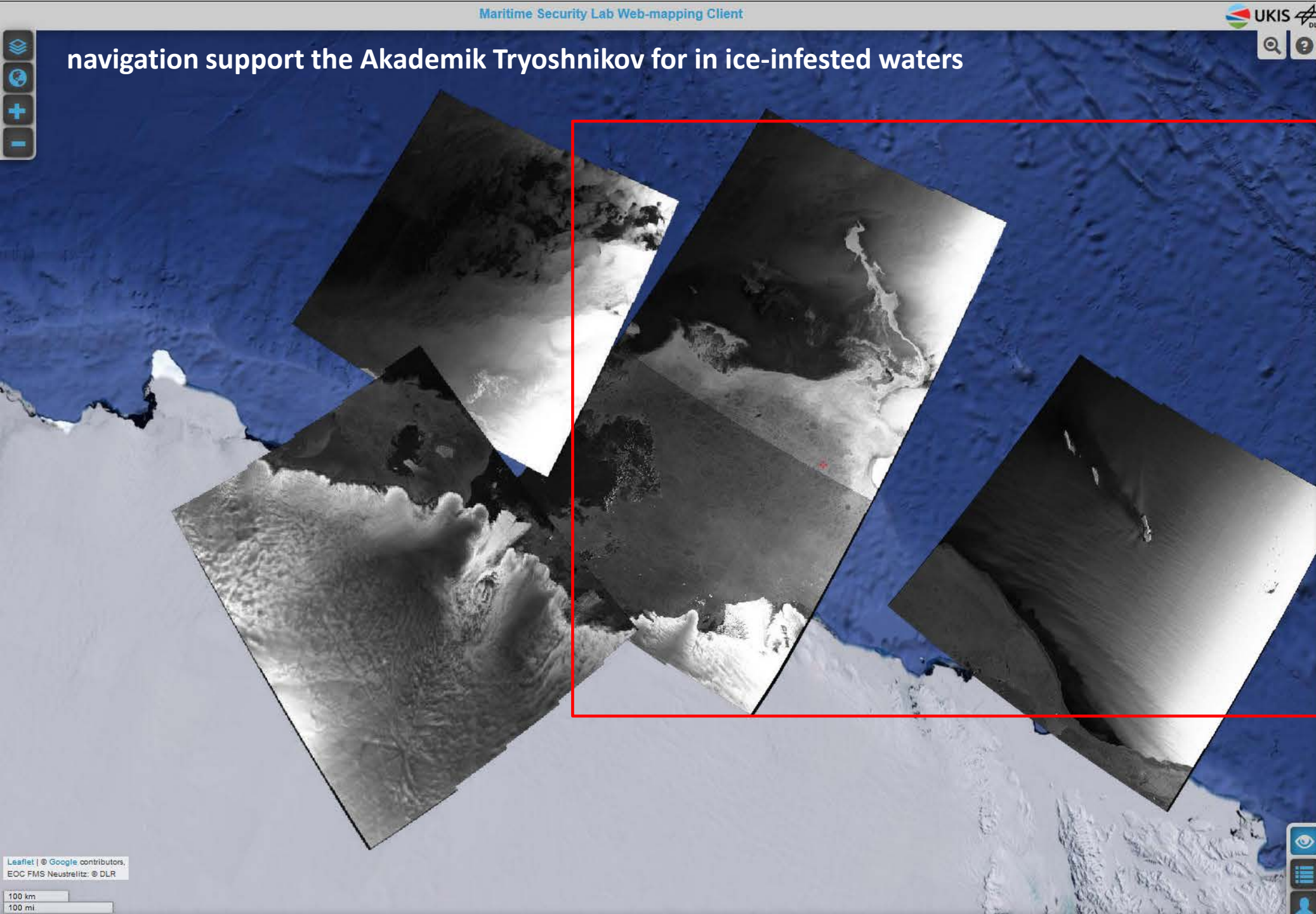
Sentinel-1  
Radarsat-2  
TerraSAR-X

20160124  
20170130  
20170130

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- open water
  - smooth first year ice
  - rough first year / multi year ice
  - young ice



## navigation support the Akademik Tryoshnikov for in ice-infested waters



## Selected products

Sensor	Time	
S1B	2017-01-31T17:53:42	
S1B	2017-01-31T17:52:38	
S1B	2017-02-05T14:45:09	
S1B	2017-02-05T14:46:14	
S1B	2017-02-05T14:47:14	
S1B	2017-02-01T18:33:41	
S1A	2017-01-31T10:40:17	
S1B	2017-02-01T16:56:06	

## Layers

## Legend

## Coordinates

Latitude: Longitude:

-66.6486231449303 154.918212890625

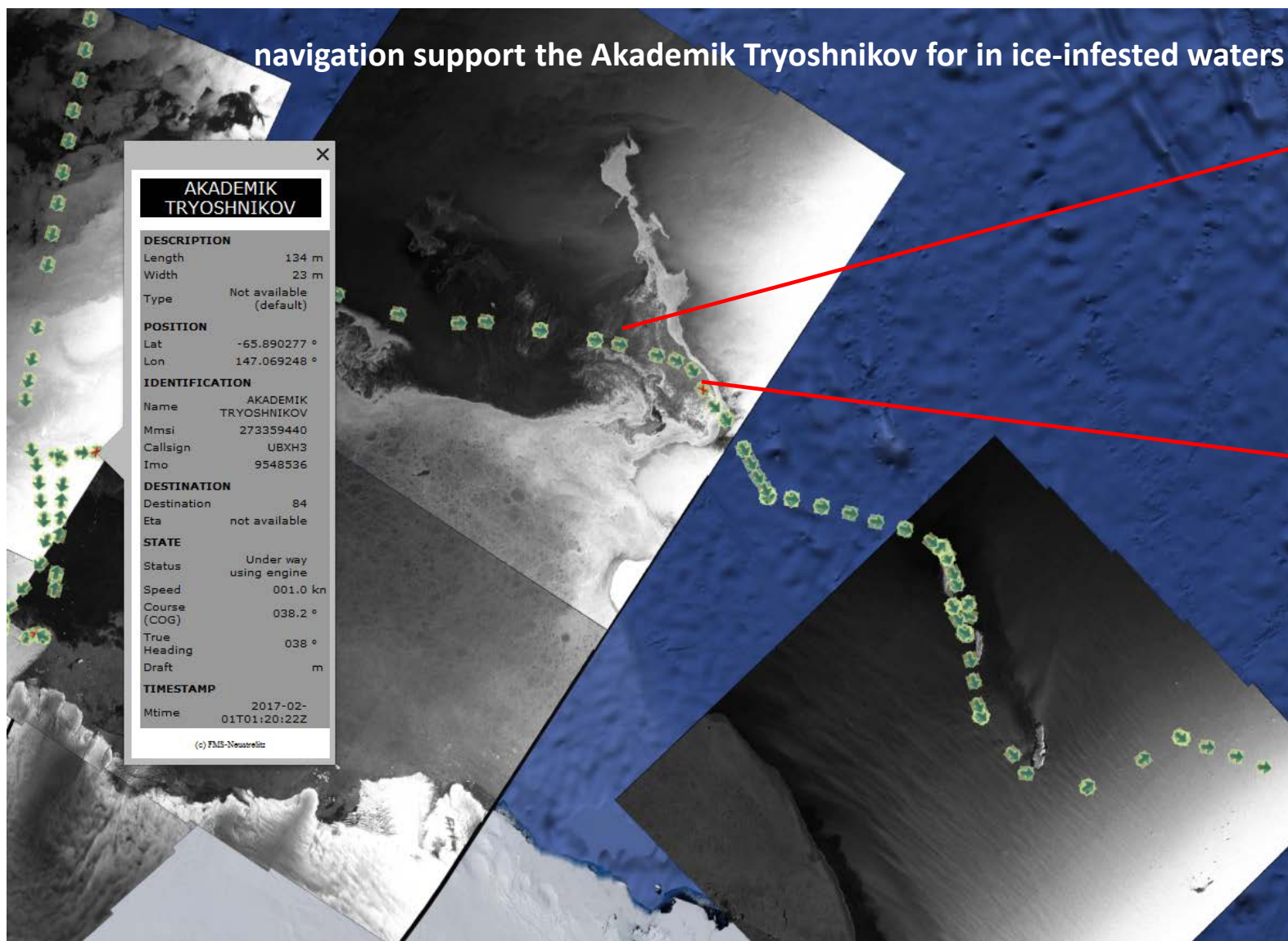
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EXPEDITION



# Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE)

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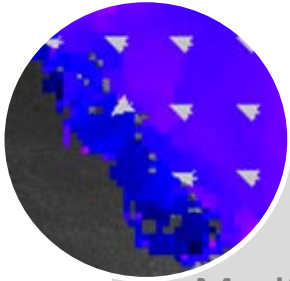


Picture: Alessandro Toffoli, University of Melbourne





# Ice drift application



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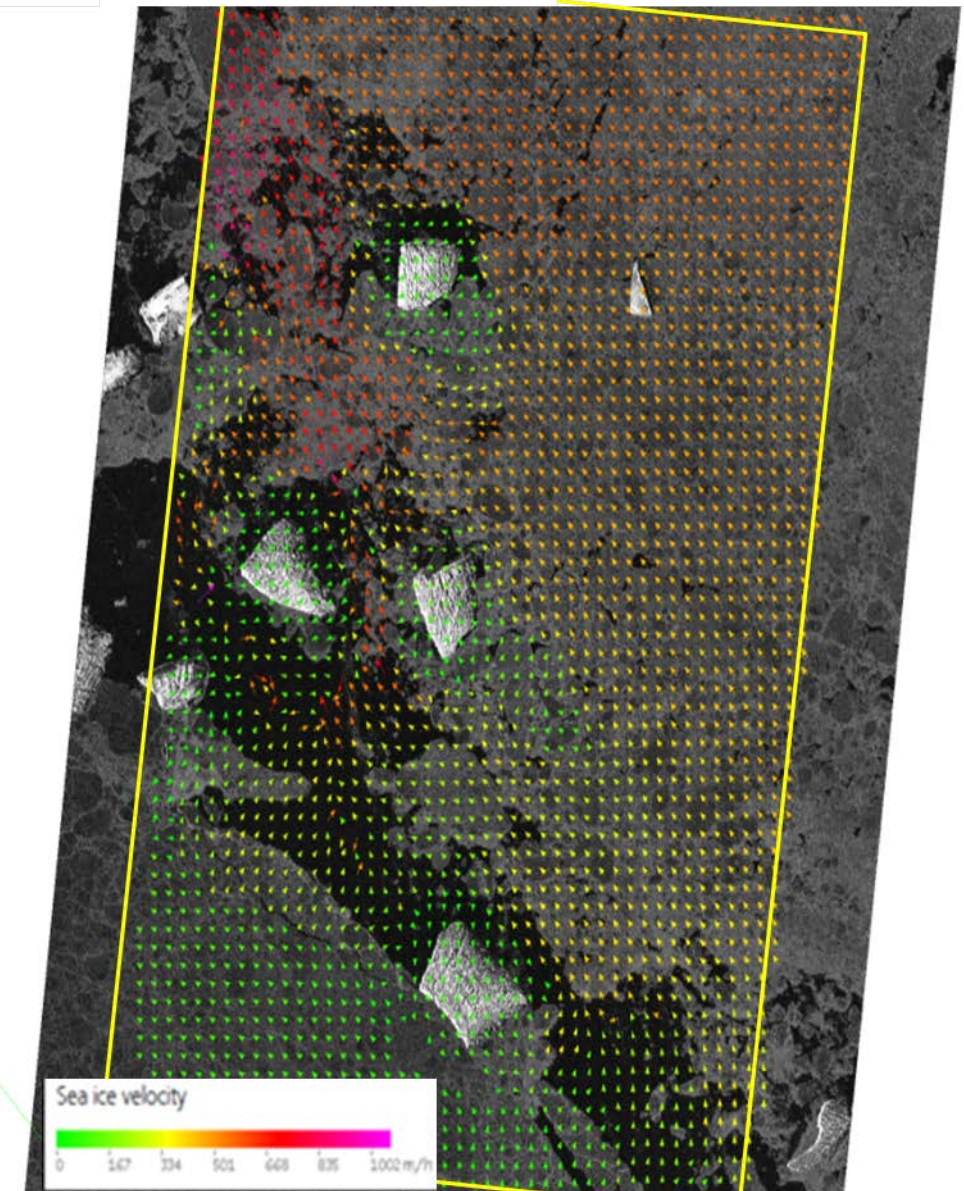
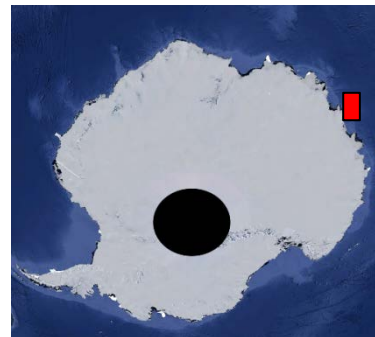
Ice drift application  
to Support Maritime  
Situation Awareness

planned value added  
based on TerraSAR-X,  
Sentinel-1 and Radarsat-2

Frost et.al. 2017,

with TerraSAR-X image  
at 10:09 UTC  
(SM-DP yellow rectangle, drift  
values only )  
overlaid with  
Radarsat-2 image (WFQ) at  
10:36 UTC in the background  
to derive  
Ice drift information

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# Thank you for attention!

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